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Endangered, Threatened, Proposed, and Candidate Species
And Their Designated and Proposed Critical Habitat That Occur
In or May Be Affected by Actions in Albany County, Wyoming

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<u>Species/Critical Habitat</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Habitat</u>
Black-footed Ferret	<i>Mustela nigripes</i>	Experimental/Non-essential	Shirley Basin
Canada Lynx	<i>Lynx canadensis</i>	Threatened	Montane forests
<u>Platte River Species</u> • Least Tern (Interior Population), • Pallid Sturgeon, • Piping Plover, • Western Prairie Fringed Orchid, • Whooping Crane	<i>Sterna antillarum</i> <i>Scaphirhynchus albus</i> <i>Charadrius melodus</i> <i>Platanthera praeclara</i> <i>Grus americana</i>	Endangered Endangered Threatened Threatened Endangered	Riverine habitat downstream of Wyoming in the Platte River system
Platte River Species Critical Habitat	Designated for whooping crane in Nebraska in riverine habitat of the Platte River system (see 50 CFR 17.95(b))		
Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse	<i>Zapus hudsonius preblei</i>	Threatened	Lush riparian vegetation or herbaceous understories of wooded areas near water
Ute Ladies'-tresses	<i>Spiranthes diluvialis</i>	Threatened	Seasonally moist soils and wet meadows of drainages below 7,000 ft. elevation
Wyoming Toad	<i>Bufo baxteri</i>	Endangered	Laramie River valley
Greater Sage-grouse	<i>Centrocercus urophasianus</i>	Candidate	Sagebrush communities

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) provides this list based on current information about species and updates it annually or soon after listing changes occur. The purpose of a species list is to provide information on endangered and threatened species that may be present in a project area.

A current version of this species list fulfills the Service's requirement, under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*, to provide a list of endangered and threatened species upon request for Federal actions and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance. Federal agency responsibilities under section 7 of the Act, including an outline of the section 7 consultation process and information needed in a biological assessment may be found at the following link: <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/what-we-do/consultations-overview.html>. Non-Federal entities who believe that their projects or activities may affect listed species may contact the Service regarding the potential need for a section 10 permit under the Act.

Measures may also be required for the project to protect migratory birds under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, 16 U.S.C. 703, and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, 16 U.S.C. 668. Wetlands are afforded protection under Executive Orders 11990 (wetland protection) and 11988 (floodplain management), as well as section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Other fish and wildlife resources are considered under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 661 *et seq.*, and the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 742a-742j. Additional information that may be important for project planning concerning our trust resources is available from the Service's Wyoming Ecological Services Field Office.

Candidate species are those species for which the Service has sufficient information to propose for listing as threatened or endangered under the Act, but is precluded from listing by higher priority listing actions. Conservation measures for candidate species are voluntary, but recommended. Protection provided to these species now may preclude possible listing in the future. The Service's Wyoming Ecological Services Field Office would appreciate receiving information as to the current status of these species within the proposed project area.

For additional information about the species and referenced authorities, please call the Wyoming Ecological Services Field Office at (307)772-2374.